

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Naoyuki KATOU et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Filed April 12, 2004 : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_0546A  
ACOUSTIC SIGNAL-PROCESSING :  
APPARATUS AND METHOD :

---

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

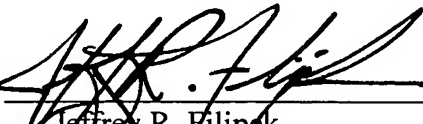
Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-112646, filed April 17, 2003, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-119972, filed April 24, 2003, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

A certified copy of said Japanese Patent Applications are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Naoyuki KATOU et al.

By

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey R. Filipek  
Registration No. 41,471  
Attorney for Applicants

JRF/fs  
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021  
Telephone (202) 721-8200  
Facsimile (202) 721-8250  
April 12, 2004